

Applicant Initiated Interview Request FormApplication No.: 10/786,583
Examiner: Russell D. StormerFirst Named Applicant: Bret Rasmussen
Art Unit: 3617 Status of Application: Pending**Tentative Participants:**(1) Darren J. Jones (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____Proposed Date of Interview: 12/13/2007Proposed Time: 1:00PM/ESTAM/PM**Type of Interview Requested:**(1) Telephonic (2) Personal (3) Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [] YES NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(2) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(3) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(4) _____ [] Continuation Sheet Attached	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Applicants request of discussion of attached proposed claims 12 and 19 in view of Cartwright, Fischer, and Simmons references relied upon by Examiner.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

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This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

/Darren J. Jones/

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

Darren J. Jones

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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Registration Number, if applicable

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AMENDED CLAIMS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

12. (Currently Amended) An endless drive track for a snowmobile, the track having an outer periphery comprising:
a base including an outer side; and

a plurality of elastomeric traction lugs formed with the base in a unitary construction and extending across ~~substantially all of~~ at least an interval of the width of the base, each lug having a lower portion proximate and extending outward from the outer side of the base by a first angle of inclination, and at least some of the lugs having an upper portion extending from the lower portion by second angle of inclination relative to the direction perpendicular to the outer side of the base, the second angle of inclination being greater than the first angle of inclination and wherein the average thickness of each lug is less than the height of such lug.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for using an endless track, the method comprising:

providing a snowmobile;

providing a track comprising

a base; and

traction lugs integrally formed with the base, the traction lugs extending upward from the base and extending at intervals across ~~substantially all of~~ a width of the base, the traction lugs being inclined relative to normal to the base; and

selectively securing the track to the snowmobile with one of having the traction lugs inclined toward a track direction of travel and having the traction lugs inclined away from the track direction of travel; and

securing the track to the snowmobile with the traction lugs inclined opposite the previous securement.